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TEN CENTS PER WEEK

CHILD FALLS TO FLAMES OF GRATE--MOTHER DIES

Little Christina Mercer Victim of Terrible Accident Sunday Morn

Slips From Rocking Chair Into Flames

RUSHES INTO STREET BLAZE

Little Christina Mercer, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Mercer, 709 South Tenth, probably was burned fatally yesterday morning by falling into the open grate. The child was at the time when her mother was on fire she rushed out of the room and started across the street to her mother. Mr. William H. Man saw the child and extinguished the flames with a damp towel. She is now in the hospital, but her condition is so serious that she is expected to die.

Mrs. Mercer left her home yesterday about 10 o'clock for a few minutes to visit a neighbor. When she returned, she found the child in the grate. She rushed to the grate and tried to pull the child out, but she was too late. The child was burned all over her body. The fire was caused by the child's falling into the grate. The grate was not properly secured.

Drs. J. W. Pendley and P. Sights were called and gave the child the best medical attention. The child is now in the hospital, but her condition is so serious that she is expected to die.

MRS. JOHN BNLEY

DIES UNEXPECTEDLY PRATT CITY, ALA.

Former Well Known Paducah Woman Leaves Two Little Girls and Several Relatives Dying.

Mrs. J. W. Scott, 601 South Fourth street, received Sunday the news of the death of Mrs. John Benley, at Pratt City, Ala. Her brother, Mr. Clyde Y. of 1930 Broad street, left last night to attend the funeral. Mrs. Benley was formerly Mrs. Maggie McVey, of this city. She was an operator for the Home Telephone company. She left here about two years ago. She is survived by two infant children and her husband; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young, of Jersey, Ala., and the following brothers and sisters: Mr. Clyde Young, Paducah; and Robert and Will Young, of Ennesley; Mrs. J. W. H. of Paducah; Mrs. Claude Giff Nashville; and Mesdames Benjamin Drake and Lillie Lowe of Thomas.

Little Miss Esther, the 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. Benley, died Saturday evening at 6 o'clock after a ten days' illness of diphtheria. At her home, 621 Monmouth street. The body was taken to Ochsner yesterday on the 11:20 train for the funeral which will take place today.

Emory Herman, 11 months-old son of Mrs. Gus Friant, of 1013 South Fourth street, died yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock of blood poisoning. The funeral was held this morning at 9:30 o'clock and the body was taken to Oak Grove cemetery. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. J. R. Henry.

Thanksgiving services

Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday at 11 o'clock Grace Episcopal and the First Baptist church and at 7:30 o'clock the German Evangelical.

A pair of lacertines caught fire about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of Julia Gray, colored, 1137 Harrison street, but the flames were extinguished before the fire gained headway. Fire company No. 3 and the fire station No. 4 answered the alarm.

Sprinkling Streets of City Will Be Considered by Administration If Way to Get Money is Devised

City May Turn It Over to Street Department or Let Contract Tram Sprinklers May be Employed

Mayor Smith today expressed himself in favor of the city keeping the streets sprinkled next summer, and if plans work out, he will recommend that provision for sprinkling be made in the budget. Conditions this summer were beyond Mayor Smith's control. The license ordinance was passed, the saloons did not pay what they do now, and the full levy did not permit of any additional burdens.

"Such conditions as obtained this summer," said Mayor Smith, "probably conduce to a great extent to spreading sickness. The air hung heavy with particles of dust and filth for weeks, constantly added to by traffic on the streets and people were compelled to breathe that stuff every time they went out doors. Besides, the streets were ground up, and I believe the cost of sprinkling will be materially made up to us in saving the streets."

There are three ways of sprinkling the streets. The city can furnish its own carts and teams and do the work under the supervision of the street department, or it can let the contract to a private concern, or it can adopt either of these ways on streets over which street cars do not run, and let the contract to the traction company to use tram sprinklers on the streets over which it operates cars.

Estimates on the cost will be based on these three methods, and the cheapest and most efficient will be adopted, if the city can see the way to raise the money.

29 Million Fine

Washington, Nov. 23.—Bonaparte has filed in the supreme court his petition for a writ certiorari to review the decision in the twenty-nine million Standard Oil fine.

Booes Investigation

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—State Inspector Thatcher began this morning the examination of Judge Booes' accounts in the auditor's office. Friends are preparing to make Booes' shortage good, but he may have to face a forgery charge.

Cholera Stamped Out

Washington, Nov. 23.—Admiral Sperry informed the navy department that cholera is practically stamped out in Manila. He will allow sailors of the Atlantic fleet shore leave to participate in the street parade and other festivities arranged in their behalf.

DEPUTIES SHOT AND PADUCAH POLICE ARE ASKED TO WATCH FOR ASSAILANTS

Tiptonville, Tenn., Nov. 23.—While attempting to arrest three negroes who were disturbing worship at Owl City, four miles east of this place, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Deputy Sheriff John Hall and Richard Burrus, whom he had deputized to assist him, were both shot, and it is believed Hall will die. The negroes escaped, and a posse of 150 men, under the leadership of Sheriff Haines, of Lake county, are in pursuit of them. It is reported that the negroes were surrounded in an extensive thicket about five miles east of Owl City, and there seems to be an impression that they will be captured.

Burrus is from a prominent and well known family. His father was formerly sheriff of Lake county, and at present is police judge at Caruthersville, Mo. Hall is also of a prominent family and bears a splendid reputation. The crime has aroused the citizens of that section of the country, and a lynching is sure to follow the capture of the negroes.

The police department received a long distance telephone message from the marshal of Tiptonville asking the police to be on the watch for the murderers. Marshall Sangster was the leader, and was dressed in a new suit of clothes.

Louisville Shops

Louisville, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—The big Louisville & Nashville shops here are ordered on full time.

Balloon Over Lake

Canton, O., Nov. 23.—Leo Stevens, aeronaut, started in the balloon "All America" in an attempt to cross Lake Erie. He made a good start. W. R. Timken, H. H. Timken, of Canton, and W. O. Comstock, of Kansas City, accompanied him.

Hon. J. C. Speight, of Mayfield, arrived this morning to attend court.

Continued Rain

Showers tonight and probably Tuesday. Cooler tonight and Tuesday. Highest temperature Saturday, 70; lowest Sunday, 58; best Sunday, 70; lowest today, 50.

NIGHT RIDER NOTICE.

A well known timber man employed at Milliken's Mill near Oaks station, this county, has received two night rider notices within a week, one warning him to stop talking so much and another to return a cross-cut saw that he has in his possession the ownership being disputed by another. The penalty of his refusal was to be similar to that given Captain Rankin, at Reelfoot lake, that he would be hanged and his body riddled with bullets.

One notice was left at his gate, while the later one was mailed at Benton postoffice. Both were signed night riders, but no switches, matches or similar emblems were enclosed. The fact that one of the notices referred to the saw in dispute has given the officers a clue to the sender of the notice, and an arrest may be made. A neighbor who was in the city today, stated that it was the general belief that the notes were not sent as a joke.

Maniac Burns Himself.

Grand Haven, Mich., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Cornelius Westerhouse, while deranged, fired the upper story of her home and burned to death. Her husband and son were killed in a wreck, which upset the woman's mind.

WORK FOR 12,000 MEN.

Chicago Steel Plant to Resume Work Full Force December 1.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Official announcement was made that work will be resumed at once at the mills of the Illinois Steel company at South Chicago, the majority of which have been idle for more than a year. It was said that 6,000 men will be hired immediately to prepare one of the big open-hearth mills for the resumption of work, and that by December 1 the mills will be running on full force, giving employment to at least 12,000 men. Orders for steel rails have been received, it was intimated, sufficient to allow the plant to run indefinitely.

Heney's Plans

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—The attempt to assassinate Heney apparently will only strengthen the fight against grafters. Heney has recovered sufficiently to announce his future plans. He is after the men responsible for the bribery and corruption, not the tools. He will devote his life to uncovering the grafters. He has planned a dozen prosecutions and expects to resume preparing the cases shortly.

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PADUCAH INVITES INSTITUTE HERE NEXT FEBRUARY

All Local Business Organizations Join in Bid for Farmers' Meeting

State Experiment Station May Be Secured

DEPENDS ON INTEREST SHOWN

Paducah has bid for the next meeting of the Kentucky State Farmers' Institute, which will be held in February. Today Saunders Fowler, secretary of the Commercial club, mailed a letter to M. C. Rankin, state commissioner of agriculture, asking that Paducah be selected, and extending the invitation at the request of the Commercial club, the Retail Merchants' association, and the city. The only expense for the meeting will be the providing of a hall for the meeting, as the state provides for most of the expense.

Mr. G. N. McGrew, of Bayou, notified Mr. Fowler that the committee had postponed the selection of a meeting place for the February meeting until November 30, and the invitation followed. The meeting will be of interest to the farmers, and would not be bad for the merchants.

Farmers of the western part of the state are slow about realizing the benefits from the talks on farming. The last meeting of the Farmers' Institute was poorly attended, but at the state meeting it is hoped to arouse enthusiasm. It is stated that had a good attendance of farmers been secured at the Farmers' Institute that Paducah would have been recommended as the location for one of the branch experiment stations that are contemplated. If the state meeting is secured it is hoped to revive hopes of having the experiment station located here.

Some Poultry News.

Poultry raisers will have an opportunity in the near future to get better ideas for the raising of fowls, and the producing of eggs, as arrangements will be made to have a poultry expert from the bureau of animal industry of the department at Washington visit Paducah. Mr. H. F. Smith, traffic manager of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, has written a letter to Secretary Saunders Fowler, of the Commercial club, inquiring for a date for the expert. The railroad has secured a representative for three weeks, and he will deliver lectures in the territory served by the railroad. Secretary Fowler accepted the offer, and the date will be arranged at the convenience of the expert. His talk will be along the line of how to get better results from poultry, and it is expected that all of the poultry owners in the county will hear his advice, as he will present statistics collected by the government.

Mosquito Bite Serious

Mr. I. B. Green, a well known farmer of near Oaks, was in the city today to have a specialist prescribe for blood poisoning on his hand that was caused by a mosquito bite several months ago. The hand was badly swollen and he has been unable to work for several weeks.

New Rural Route.

Rural route inspectors reported favorably to put in R. F. D. No. 3 at Woodville. The new route will take in Grahamville, Jackson, Metropolis Landing road and the Ogden Landing road, a distance of 24 miles. Elwood Noel, deputy United States marshal, will be benefited by the establishment of this new route which will go into effect about December 15.

BELL TELEPHONE MONOPOLY IF NOT CURBED SHORTLY

Cleveland, O., Nov. 23.—A telephone war started here through the United States Telephone company, Independent, getting an injunction against the Bell. It is expected to extend over the whole country. The suit charges the Central Union, a Bell subsidiary, trying to restore the former monopoly, violating the Sherman anti-trust law. It charged the Central Union with trying to absorb the independent manufacturers and control the output. Further suits are expected.

James Lang's Candidate Elected Chairman of Committee But Other Side Declines to be Assimilated

Lively Time This Morning at Democratic County Meeting When W. F. Bradshaw, Jr., Is Chosen to Preside Over It

Saturday's precinct elections were followed speedily with a rainy Monday morning meeting of the Democratic county committee for reorganization.

Objecting to what they termed "steam roller" methods of the faction which controls Retiring Chairman W. A. Berry, of the Democratic executive committee, in holding an election for his successor this morning, the so-called anti-machine precinct committeemen bolted the meeting and elected Dr. R. D. Harper chairman.

Their special objection was to the ruling of Chairman Berry that where only one man went to the voting places last Saturday that one, himself, was elected committeeman from that precinct. The Harper supporters could not understand how one man could hold a convention, elect himself and certify to the chairman.

Before the bolt came, Mr. Berry declared W. F. Bradshaw, Jr., elected chairman, having received 12 votes to Harper's 9 on the second ballot. The first ballot resulted in a tie vote, 10 to 10, but before the second ballot was taken James J. Lally, committeeman from No. 2 fire station, came in. Evidently one Harper vote changed to Bradshaw, as the vote stood 12 to 9. Then the Harper crowd withdrew to the basement of the building and proceeded to enter into the election again, Harper being unanimously elected, receiving 10 votes, so it was claimed when they went upstairs again.

John W. Skelton was floor leader for the Harper supporters, placing the doctor in nomination in an elaborate speech. James M. Lang acted as leader for the other side, nominating Mr. Bradshaw.

The committeemen present from the city were: Fire Station No. 2—James J. Lally; Diegel's—A. L. Harper; Schmidt's—Jake Rousch; Glauber's—Alex Patton; South Side Court House—Luther Carson.

Kirkpatrick's—J. M. Cross; Warehouse—Roy O. Gresham; North Side Court House—John W. Skelton.

Rogers—James P. Sleeth; Savage's—W. J. Gilbert; Berry's—Frank B. Smith; Henneberger's—James M. Lang; Plow Factory—M. W. Clark; Glauber's—Granville Whites.

County Precincts. From the county were: Park precinct, R. E. Parrish; New Hope, H. C. Rudolph; Massac, J. R. Lee; Lang School House, M. W. Abwood; Florence Station, Tom Harper; Reidland, Oscar Rawlinson; Harper's, R. D. Harper.

Thomas Goodman, elected committeeman from Butler's, and C. S. Throgmorton, from Yancy's, were absent, while no election was held at Chalk's and South Side Court House, No. 2. If committeemen were elected at the other precincts in the county than those named above they were not present.

M. W. Clark, who represented Plow Factory precinct, and Oscar Rawlinson, from Reidland, were declared committeemen by reason of their being the only ones that went to the election in their respective precincts.

The vote was taken by secret ballot over protest of the Harper supporters, who demanded a viva voce vote.

After both meetings adjourned ten of the Harper supporters got together and made affidavit that each had voted for Harper, the vote as announced by Chairman Berry was 9 for Harper. Those signing and swearing to the affidavit made before Attorney M. E. Gilbert were A. L. Harper, J. W. Skelton, J. G. Whitte, R. D. Harper for himself and proxy for A. T. Harper, H. C. Rudolph, J. R. Leigh, A. H. Patton, R. E. Parrish, Jake Rousch.

It is also claimed that the chairman refused to recognize the proxy of W. N. Bryan held by M. E. Gilbert.

There are 30 precincts in the county and the haste evinced by the city politicians in reorganizing rather than confiding the county follows.

Dr. Harper said this afternoon in an interview that he proposed to carry the matter to the highest authorities in the party for settlement. "I was solicited by the very best Democrats in the county to take the place of chairman in order that the present machine methods in vogue might be eliminated and all candidates be given a fair deal, which was not done in the recent primary. I received a majority of the regularly

elect committee, getting 10 votes, while my opponent only received 8. It is true that Mr. Berry, contrary to the party law, ruled that M. W. Clark was elected committeeman from Plow Factory precinct and Oscar Rawlinson from Reidland, when both of these gentlemen stated to the chairman that no election was held in those precincts."

Dr. Harper cites the party law, which provides that when there is a vacancy in the county committee or no election is held, the regularly constituted committeemen will appoint after ten days' notice has been given.

Steamers Collide.

New York, Nov. 23.—The fishing steamer Mount Desert, with 450 passengers on board, while bound down the bay in a dense fog, was run into by the fruit steamer Admiral Dewey, inward bound. The Dewey's bow struck the Mount Desert's paddle box, and tore a hole in her side to the water's edge. The Dewey was kept moving ahead, holding her bow in the hole, while 400 of the Mount Desert's passengers climbed on board the fruit boat.

Mr. Worden said he had been trying all day to reach the writer by telephone in order to have him come to Laporte tomorrow to testify, but so far he had failed to find him.

From present indications the case will go to the jury by Wednesday.

INDIA UPRISING CAUSES COUNCIL TO BE ASSEMBLED

Calcutta Nov. 23.—A session of the Indian council was called to consider the threatened uprising, and devise means to overcome native discontent. It indicates the seriousness of the situation. Viceroy Minto is coming from Lucknow. Tracks are guarded the whole distance and pilot engines are preceding the train to prevent attacks. A plot was discovered to assassinate Sir Andrew Frazer, lieutenant governor of Bengal. It was the fourth attempt.

PROF. ROARK WILL SPEAK IN COUNTY AND CITY DEC. 3

Superintendent Billington, of the county schools, is today arranging a program for an all-day educational rally to be held at Lone Oak December 3, at which Prof. R. N. Roark, professor of pedagogy in the Eastern Normal Institute, will be the principal speaker. Several prominent educators from the city will be asked to attend and take part while the county board of education will be called to meet in special session by the superintendent.

Professor Roark will also address an educational rally in the city, probably at the High school at night. His coming to western Kentucky is part of a campaign for betterment of educational conditions in the state, prominent speakers being sent to every county to hold rallies for the purpose of arousing the interest of the people.

Chicago Market.

| Dec. | High. | Low. | Close. |
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| Wheat | 1.02 1/2 | 1.03 1/4 | 1.03 1/4 |
| Corn | .64 1/4 | .63 3/4 | .64 1/4 |
| Oats | .49 1/2 | .49 1/4 | .49 1/2 |
| Provisions | 16.47 1/2 | 16.35 | 16.45 |
| Lard | 9.45 | 9.42 1/2 | 9.42 1/2 |
| Ribs | 8.62 1/2 | 8.57 1/2 | 8.60 |

Mr. R. C. Sherly, of Hopkinsville, is in the city sight-seeing and on business.

TWO WOMEN FIGHT DUEL WITH BOWIES TILL ONE FAINTS

Lonely Mountain Side Scene With Only Three-Year Old Witness

Sisters-in-Law Stab Each Other Severely.

TAKE UP HUSBANDS' QUARREL

Gainesville, Mo., Nov. 23.—In a prearranged meeting two women, wives of well-to-do farmers, fought a desperate duel with bowie knives in a lonely spot on the mountain side, six miles south of here, in which one of them was wounded and both arrested. The two women, Mrs. Frank Graham and Mrs. James Crabtree, are sisters-in-law. Their husbands have been farming.

Within the last few days quarrels have occurred between the men as a result of a settlement, and this has been taken up by their wives. It was finally decided by them to settle their differences and they repaired to a clearing in the woods, on the mountain side nearly a mile from their homes.

They were only accompanied by the 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. Graham, who witnessed the encounter, but did not take an active part in it. At first the two combatants vented their spleen by hurling large stones at each other. Finally both drew knives from the bosoms of their dresses and the hand-to-hand encounter ensued. In the course of this Mrs. Crabtree received a number of slashes across the face, hands and breast, but none of the wounds are of a serious nature. In return she succeeded in wounding Mrs. Graham in the arm. The cut extends from the shoulder of the right arm to the wrist.

From the pain and loss of blood Mrs. Graham fainted and it was at first thought the knife had passed across her throat, killing her instantly. Her little daughter, who had witnessed the duel, believed her mother had been killed, ran screaming to her home.

Graham immediately went to the scene of the affray and found that his wife had only fainted. He hastened to bind up the wounds and carried her to the house, where he dispatched a son to Gainesville for medical assistance.

It was from the call for medical aid that the sheriff of Ozark county learned of the trouble, and with his deputy hastened to the home of the two women and they were brought to Gainesville and placed in jail. Bond was immediately furnished for both and the trial has been set for next week.

NO PLACE ASSIGNED FOR EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

McCracken county's share of the state whirlwind campaign for education will be held December 3. Dr. R. N. Roark, president of the Eastern Normal school, will be the speaker of the evening, and only one day will be devoted in Paducah and McCracken county. The meeting place has not been selected yet, but it will be announced as soon as possible. State Superintendent J. G. Crabbe inaugurated the movement of making a campaign for better schools in the state, and he has secured the services of some of the foremost speakers in the state. It is expected that a large audience will greet Dr. Roark on his visit to the city.

J. C. Speight Presides.

Hon. J. C. Speight, of Mayfield, arrived this morning to preside in circuit court by appointment of the governor in the cases of A. G. Owsley vs. the Globe Bank and Trust company; R. M. Jones vs. W. W. Hughes, and Joseph W. Hughes vs. Driskill Post Hole Auger company. Judge Reed is disqualified to preside in either of the cases.

HOUSE LEADERS RALLY TO CANNON AGAINST BURTON

Washington, Nov. 23.—As the result of Congressman Burton's statement that Taft may oppose Cannon's re-election, house leaders are flocking to Cannon's support. Payne, Bunting and Dunsen in interviews declared Cannon will surely be elected. Payne cited that the Republican platform binds Cannon to tariff revision as much as Taft, and there is no ground for dispute between Taft and Uncle Joe.